

Application No. 10/602,025
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111
Reply to Office Action dated June 7, 2006
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REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 2 and 4 have been cancelled and claim 1 has been rewritten into independent form including the limitations of claim 4. Currently, claims 1 and 3 are pending in the application.

The drawings were also objected to because they did not include the following reference numerals mentioned in the description: "11B" as set forth on page 8, line 15, "29" as set forth on page 10, line 3.

The drawings were also objected to because they did not include the following reference numerals mentioned in the description: "27" shown in Fig. 5.

By this amendment, the specification has been amended to change "11B" to --(on a blind side of the adapter 11 in Fig. 1)-- and "29" to --27--. It is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw these objections to the drawings.

Claim 4 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this amendment, claim 4 has been cancelled and added to

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claim 1.


Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Barry et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,911,710).

In view of claim amendments adding claim 4 into claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 3 are now allowable over the prior art of record. Thus, applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and an action to this effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding the amendments or these remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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